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MEMORANDUM FOR: OD/TR

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: Memo Concerning Evaluation of Southeast Asia Area Program, 28 August 1952.

1. Following constitutes my comments concerning reference program:

a. I feel that this type of program can contribute to the increasing of analyst effectiveness. I found it very interesting, and, to the extent that I could attend, very helpful.

b. The content and scope of the subject matter was relevant although very general. I, however, feel that it must be very general in scope in order to meet the needs of the various requirements of the staff employees.

c. The manner and method of presentation was effective and the instructors were satisfactory.

d. Again considering the necessity of a general presentation, I found the balance between the lecture and discussion satisfactory.

e. Principal point of criticism, from my point of view, is the schedule. I found that the pressure of work in my office prevented me from attending more than probably half of the lectures. It is my opinion that two lectures a week would be practical in the presentation of a course such as this, combined with a requirement of some limited reading and preparation of papers on the outside. I feel that it will be necessary for me in the future to pass up programs such as this because of the inability to devote three hours a day to it. If a course similar to the subject

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program were offered which required only two to four hours a week lecture, I would be very interested. I recognize the disadvantage of this type of program, inasmuch as the program would have to be a more concentrated one.



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